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1. The 4th Mountain Infantry Division at Susice was formerly known as the 2nd Mountain Infantry Brigade.
2. Commanding Officer of the 4th Mountain Infantry Division is General Bohumil Lomsky, formerly known as Lenz, a Czech, age 37 years, height 176 cm, weight 90 kg, oval face, blue eyes, dark blond hair, bad teeth. He is a graduate of the 1935 class of the Military Academy at Hranice. After 1939 he joined the Legion of General Svoboda in Poland and was interned in the USSR for two years. This legion of General Svoboda became the nucleus of a Czech corps composed of Czech subjects who were released from internment camps all over the USSR. In 1942, Lomsky was assigned as Chief of Staff of this Czech corps and he returned to Czechoslovakia in 1945 in such capacity. Until 1946, he was attached to General Staff Operations and was then sent to Voroshilov Academy to attend a special class for officers of satellite countries. At that time Lomsky was a member of the Social Democratic Party but he was strongly oriented to the left. Graduated in April 1947, he became chief of Operations of General Staff, and in the fall of 1949 he was named Commanding Officer of the 2nd Mountain Infantry Brigade.

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3. The 23rd Mountain Infantry Regiment, [REDACTED] is a component of the 4th Mountain Infantry Division and is located in Nyrsko. Officers include:

- a. Commanding Officer: Col. Mikulas Cordas, a Slovak; age 40, height 180 cm, weight 94 kg; dark hair, round face; a Communist Party member. Allegedly he has been a student at the Prague War College since 1949.
- b. Deputy Commanding Officer: Major Kocian, a Czech; age 42, medium build, grey hair; an ardent Communist.
- c. Education Officer: 1st Lt. Nejedly, a Czech; age 35, tall, dangerous; he spies on everyone and is eager to liquidate "unreliable" persons.

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- d. Ordnance Officers:
- 1) Lt. Duraj, a Slovak; age 43, height 165 cm; weight 70 kg; dark, greying hair; brown eyes. A former W/O in the Slovakian Army. He participated in the Slovakian insurrection.
 - 2) Lt. Klapuch, a Slovak; age 40, medium build.
- e. Real Estate Officer: Lt. Martinecek, a Slovak; age 28, medium build, dark hair.
- f. Camp Commander: 1st Lt. Matej Ulicny, a Slovak; age 35, short; a Communist Party member. He is a former commanding officer of the 1st Company. In 1949, he was injured at the firing range, a bullet entering his knee.

The officers listed under a, b, c, and d are authorized to enter the army ammunition depot at St. Laz near Myrsko. They are provided with special identity cards for this purpose.

The following units comprise the 23rd Mountain Infantry Regiment:

a. 1st Company at Myrsko, 25X1C

- 1) Commanding Officer: Staff Capt. Jan Gregorcok, a Slovak; age 36; height 178 cm; weight 75 kg; tall, slim, blond; blue eyes. During the February 1948 putsch, he issued weapons to Communists without authorization of his commanding officer, Col. Zelinsky, who was purged. Gregorcok came from Prichovice, where the depots of the regiment are located.
- 2) Platoon Commander: Lt. Backo, a Slovak; age 23, tall, stout.

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- b. Submachine Gun Company at Myrsko, 25X1C Commanding Officer is 1st Lt. Orlicky, formerly known as Oberle, a Slovak; age 35; tall, blond; an ardent Communist.

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- c. Machine Gun Company, at Myrsko, 25X1C with a strength of 70 men. Officers:

- 1) Commanding Officer: Staff Capt. Zacharda, a Czech; age 40; an ardent Communist.
- 2) Platoon Commander: Lt. Jan Gablas; age 25, medium build, slim; an ardent Communist.

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- d. Headquarters Company, at Myrsko, 25X1C Commanding Officer is Staff Capt. Hirsch, a Czech; age 50, medium build, grey; a decent person.

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- e. Mortar Company, at Bystřice nad Uhřavou, 25X1C Commanding Officer is Major Benos, a Czech, age 45, grey hair.

- f. Technical Company, at Myrsko. Commanding Officer is Lt. Brabec, a Czech, age 27, medium build, light brown hair; a Communist Party member.

- g. Heavy Company, at Bystřice nad Uhřavou. Commanding Officer is Lt. Brabec, 38 years old, tall, blond, wears glasses; an ardent Communist.

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- h. Gun Battery, at Bystřice nad Uhřavou, 25X1C Commanding Officer is Capt. Gregor, a Slovak; age 36, tall, greying; a notorious drinker; in the spring of 1949 he was sent to the forced labor camp at Most.

- i. Replacement Company, at Prichovice. Commanding Officer is Staff Capt. Stefan Hauer who replaced Staff Capt. Gregorcok. The supply depots of the 23rd Infantry Regiment are also located here.*

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5. An ammunition dump is situated in a small forest called "Na Porovnani" which is southeast of Myrsko, between St. Laz and Hvizdalka. This dump was completed in May 1949.
6. The 23rd Mountain Infantry Regiment has made certain fortifications along the Svata Katerina border. It has built anti-tank obstacles and an anti-tank ditch 4 m deep and 6 m wide, with embankments 1 m high on each side. The anti-tank obstacles consist of iron crosses which are linked by iron plates 1.6 m long, 20 cm wide, and 2 cm in thickness. The distance between each obstacle is 50 m. It is planned to mine the area west of this border.

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7. The 26th Mountain Infantry Regiment, [REDACTED], is a part of the 4th Mountain Infantry Division; it has its headquarters at Kasperske Hory. Commanding Officer is Col. Jiracek, who is 55 years old, of medium build, stout, has greying hair, and wears eyeglasses. He replaced Col. Nemec who had been purged. The regiment consists of one infantry company and one mortar company:

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- a. Infantry Company, [REDACTED], consisting of 60 men and located at Spicak:

1) Commanding Officer: Lt Michal Zahorsky, 26 years old, tall and stout; an ardent Communist.

2) Platoon Commander: 2nd Lt. Turanovic, a Slovak; age 24, tall; liked by the men.

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- b. Mortar Company, [REDACTED] located at Spicak; training of all mortar units of the 4th Mountain Infantry Division is concentrated here.

1) Officers:

1st Lt. Milos Grabenec, age 38 years, slim, tall; a Communist.

2nd Lt. Matousek, age 24 years, medium build, blond; an ardent Communist.

Lt. Komenda, a Slovak; age 26, short, blond; a Communist.

8. The ammunition dump of the 26th Mountain Infantry Regiment is located near Puncir. It is guarded by eight men, with one permanent sentry who has telephone communications with Spicak.

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[REDACTED] Comment: The location of the depots at Prichovice and the arrival of Staff Capt. Gregorcek at Myrsko indicate that the replacement company of the 23rd Mountain Infantry Regiment had been transferred from Zvolen. This should free the Hron barracks at Zvolen for the Zvolensky Air Force Regiment with headquarters at Tri Duby.

Attachments: 1. Ammunition dump at Myrsko.

2. Army barracks at Myrsko.

3. Anti-tank obstacles in Svata Katerina area.

4. Anti-tank obstacles in Svata Katerina area.

5. Spicak detachment.

6. Ammunition dump of 26th Mountain Infantry Regiment.

7. Detailed sketch of ammunition dump.

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